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Re: New U.S. Patent Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) – Reinhard Gerhard et al

INTAKE DEVICE

Sir:

1. Please find enclosed herewith for filing: 16 pages specification, 3 pages claims (20), 1 page abstract, combined declaration and power of attorney, and 4 pages drawings (11 figures) in support of the above identified application.
2. It is respectfully requested that this application be granted the priority dates of September 18, 2002 and June 10, 2003, the filing date of the corresponding German patent applications 102 43 166.3 and 103 26 488.4, certified copies of which will be submitted at a later date.
3. Also enclosed herewith is an assignment from the inventors, Reinhard Gerhardt and Klaus Geyer to Andreas Stihl AG & Co., KG, Badstrasse 115, D-71336 Waiblingen/ Germany, which you will kindly record at the Patent and Trademark Office.
4. I am enclosing my check in the amount of \$790.00* to cover the official fees of:

Basic fee	\$750.00
Additional fees:	
Total number of claims in excess of 20 (# claims times \$18.00)	\$ 00.00
Number of independent claims in excess of 3 (# claims times \$84.00)	\$ 00.00
Assignment recording fee	<u>\$ 40.00</u>
TOTAL FEE	<u>\$790.00</u>

* It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and any fees required or any shortages of fees required be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.

Respectfully Submitted,

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